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# MINUTES

—OF THE—

Twenty-first Annual Session.

—OF THE—

**CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.**

HELD WITH

**Blooming Grove Church,**

**Walker County, Ala.**

**October, 5th, 6th, and 7th, 1895.**

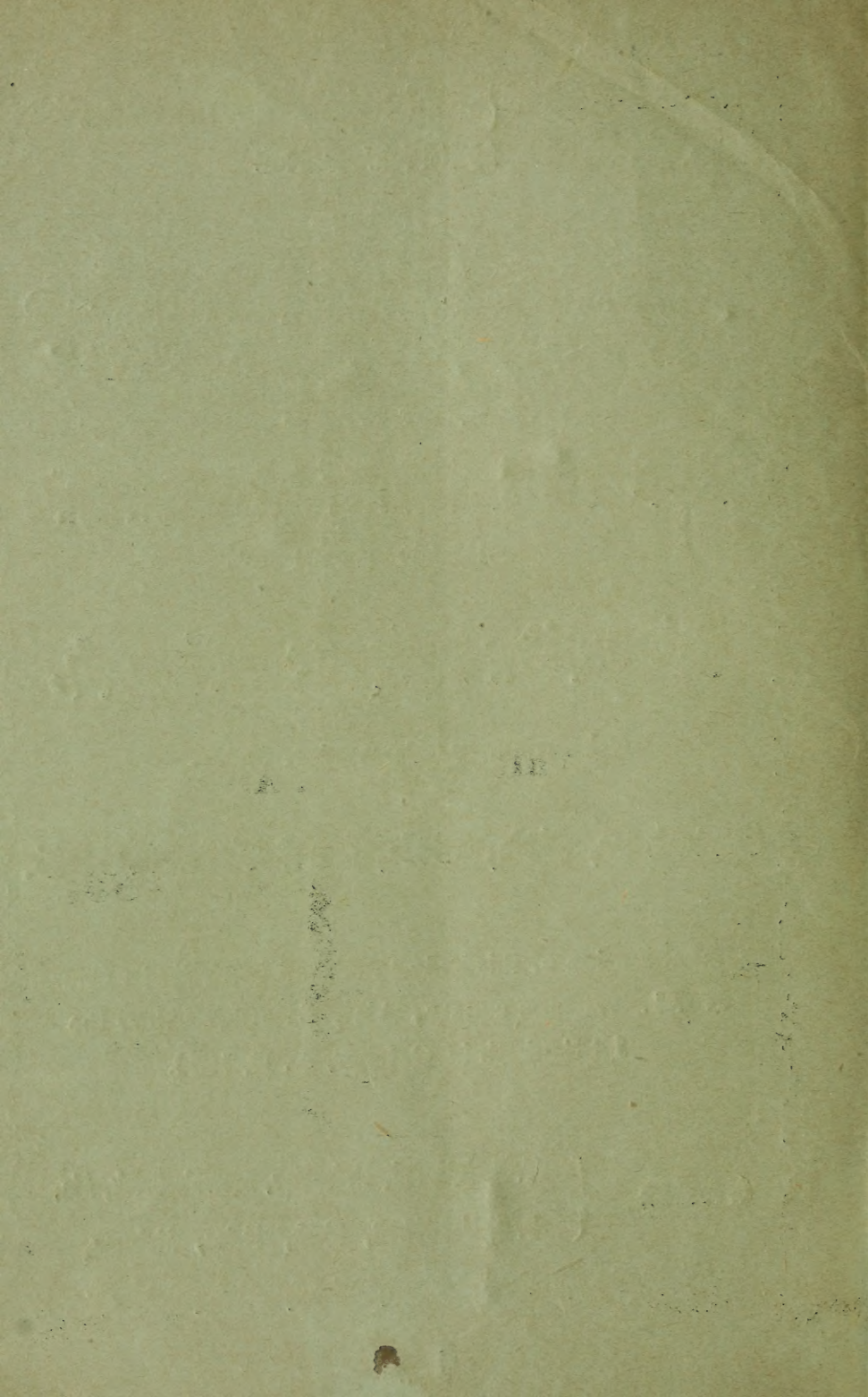
The next session of this body to convene with Sardis Church  
No. 1., Winston county, Ala., Saturday before the  
1st Sabbath in October, A. D. 1896.

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OFFICERS:

T. M. MARTIN, Moderator, Brown's Creek, Ala.

D. S. McCULLAR, Clerk, Motes, Alabama.



# MINUTES OF THE CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The 21st Annual Session of the Clear Creek Baptist Association met with the Blooming Grove Baptist Church, Walker county, Ala., on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in October, 1895.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. James Hilton. Text, Luke, 2nd Chapter and 49th verse, 'Wist ye not I must be about my Father's business.' After which an intermission of one hour was given.

The body then reassembled in the church house. Prayer by the Moderator, T. M. Martin.

The names of the Churches composing this Association were called, and the letters from the various churches were placed on the table. N. H. Estis and J. D. Rutledge were named as reading clerks—who proceeded to read the letters. The churches and delegates were enrolled as follows:

*Union Grove, No. 1.*—H. L. McCrary, R. J. Mayfield, B. Weaver.

*Sardis, No. 1.*—T. M. Martin, Ed. Townsend, and J. W. Barton;

*Rock Creek.*—J. N. Curtis, J. F. Taylor, and G. W. Adams.

*Liberty Grove.*—Not represented.

*Shilo.*—Not represented.

*New Prospect.*—J. A. Defore, A. Ward, and John O'Kelly;

*Gum Pond.*—Not represented.

*Concord.*—T. J. Sims, J. A. King, K. C. Crow.

*Bethlehem, No. 2.*—B. G. Ray, N. A. Posey, A. Posey.

*Mountain Springs.*—Not represented.

*Low Gap.*—Not represented.

*Bethel, No 2.*—Not represented.

*Bethsadia.*—Not represented.

*Salem.*—T. A. Lynn, G. A. Pendley, and Thos. Farris.

*Pleasant Hill.*—C. Ballinger, W. P. Thomas, and Wm. Gaines.

*Houston.*—Thomas D. Wilson.

*Double Springs.*—Not represented.

*Nebo.*—F. M. Lester, N. G. Davidson, and William Renno.

*Fairview.*—Not represented.

*Union Hill.*—D. S. McCullar, M. N. McCullars, and Jos. Byars.

*Corinth.*—S. C. Cooper, J. C. Cooper, and G. W. Hilton.

*Blooming Grove.*—N. H. Estis, J. M. Herman, and J. L. Davis.

*Bethel, No. 1.*—A. H. Lay, J. D. Rutledge, and T. E. Lovelady.

*Oak Grove.*—H. T. McCullar, O. H. Salter, and J. Lovelady.

*Mt. Zion.*—Y. M. Ivey, Lee Williams, and Thomas Ivey.

*Friendship.*—W. H. Petty, J. B. Sims, and I. E. Wright.

*Sardis, No. 2.*—C. P. Henderson, J. W. Stillman, and W. Daily.

*Union*,—Thomas Roberson, J. M. Bonds, and Arch Tyre.

*Enman Field*.—D. H. Greggs, Arch Legg, and G. D. Gardner.

*Mt. Olive*.—Not represented.

*Bethlehem*, No 2.—R. M. Atkins, W. P. Salter.

The Association then proceeded to elect a Moderator and Clerk for the next year, which resulted in the choice of T. M. Martin, moderator, and D. S. McCullar, clerk—J. M. Tingle and James Hilton acting as tellers.

The Rules of Decorum governing the Association was then read by the Moderator.

Call for petitionary letters—received none.

Call for Correspondance from sister Churches. Received from the North River Association, Eld. James Hilton. From Cullman Association, A. H. Speakman, and C. F. Fisher. The right hand of fellowship was extended by the Moderator to the corresponding brethren.

The folowing committees were then appointed.

ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISE.—J. D. Rutledge, and W. P. Salter, with the Deacons of Blooming Grove church.

ON FINANCE.—N. H. Estis, M. N. McCullar and J. N. Curtis.

ON NOMINATION.—A. H. Lay, and B. G. Ray, and J. D. Rutledge.

ON CREDENTIALS.—J. P. Pugh and Y. M. Ivey,

ON AGED MINISTERS,—J. W. Barton, and J. Bonds.

ON HOME MISSIONS.—W. P. Salter, and G. W. Hilton.

ON STATE MISSIONS.—D. S. McCullar, and G. W. Hilton.

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.—J. M. Tingle, N. H. Estis,

ON TEMPERANCE.—H. L. McCrary, and C. Ballinger,

ON SABBATH SCHOOL.—J. M. Herran, and J. L. Davis,

ON VOCAL MUSIC.—N. H. Estis, J. D. Rutledge.

ON EDUCATION.—G. W. Gibson, J. A. Defore.

ON DOCUMENTS.—R. M. Atkins, C. Ballinger.

Then adjourned until Sunday morning, 9 o'clock.

Sunday morning, 9 o'clock, met according to adjournment. Prayer by Brother A. H. Speakman.

Call for the report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools. Report received, read and adopted after discussion.

### *Report on Sabbath Schools.*

We your Committee on Sabbath Schools, report: We recommend that the churches and people generally take more interest in Sabbath Schools than has heretofore been taken. We think it one of the best methods to educate and train our children. Brethren, when we see every branch of science in a literary and temporal point of view are making improvements and advancing; thereby keeping up with the area of the world. Nationalities are being taught the best and truest methods of warfare, for their safety as nations. The farmers of the world are striving for the best seed and the true plan of culture for the various crops. The physicians of the world are making great advancements and are striving to be more perfect in the art of healing diseases, etc. In fact most every science of a temporal nature is being studied practically and theoretically, which we think is just and right so far as it

goes, but we believe the Bible teaches the will of God, and to know God's will and to do it is the means of bringing salvation to the human family, and we believe the Salvation of God is greatly preferable to all things of a temporal nature. The close study of the word of God should have pre-eminence of other studies. We regret to see the theological training of the children so much in the back-ground and being neglected to so great an extent as it is—especially in the bounds of our Association. \* \* \*

Brethren, it seems that other denominations are striving to train their children in their faith and doctrine. Why should not our churches be more diligent in training our children in the true doctrine of Christ's church. Why not teach our children in our Sabbath Schools, using our literature? If we fail other sects will probably teach them for us. Oh, brethren, let us go to work for the cause of Christ and our children while we have time and opportunity. The most lasting impressions are made while the mind is young. So far as we can learn the interest in Sabbath schools in the bounds of our Association is at a very low stage. While some churches have done good and faithful work, others have done very little. We recommend that we all go to work for the Redeemer's cause and the salvation of our children. Much depends on the interest we take in this work; let us consider the great responsibility resting on us. Let us use the Sabbath school and all good means for the support of the truth, and the good of our people. The Sabbath school could be made a great power in accomplishing much good in the world for Christ and his Church.

Brethren, we can in this report only recommend. It takes the church and the people to act in this matter. For 21 years the Committees of this, the Clear Creek Association, have generally recommended that all the Churches organize Sabbath schools, and so report the same, but how often has this been neglected in some of the Churches? It is as natural for the minds of our children to feed on thoughts as it is for them to eat natural food, and if we do not endeavor to supply the minds of our children with Bible truths the great adversary of the souls of men will certainly supply the minds of our children with all the spurious and false doctrines of the age.

Respectfully submitted,  
D. S. McCULLARS,  
W. R. ADKINS, Committee.

The stand was occupied at 11 o'clock by Eld. James Hilton. Text, Matthew, 20th chapter, 18th and 19th verse. The subject was well delivered and very pointed.

Preaching Sunday evening at 4 o'clock, by Elds. C. Ballinger and G. W. Gibson, who preached to a large and attentive congregation. Much good was manifested. Then adjourned until Monday morning, 8 o'clock, Oct. 7th, 1895.

Monday morning, 8 o'clock met according to adjournment. Called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by R. M. Atkins.

Call for report of the Committee on Foreign Missions. Report received as follows:

### *Report on Foreign Missions.*

Dear Brethren of the Clear Creek Association; Foreign mission is a subject that should concern all of God's dear children. 1st. Because it was the last command of our blessed Saviour, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." Does that apply to us all? If so "why call ye me Lord, Lord and do not whatsoever I command you" Missions are now sustained in China, Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico and Japan. Remember Brethren

our brethren and sisters who have been sent foreign fields are men like we are and like our Saviour was during his incarnation who ate drank and wore clothes. These missionaries must be fed. Brethren of the Clear Creek Association, will we help feed them? If so let us speak out at once by our acts, for our blessed Savior said to John, while in the Isle of Patmos. Blessed are they that do his commandments. There is much talk about Anti-missionary Baptists, we your committee dont believe there is such a thing as an Anti-missionary Baptist—because a Baptist believes the Bible is God's word, a Baptist accepts the Bible as the rule of his life—what the Bible teaches and commands, a Baptist receives and obeys. The very essence of bible teaching is the duty of christians to give the Gospel to the whole world. The very spirit of truth and viral christianity is missionary world extending heart embracing missionary. The professing christian who does not see the duty of missions taught in the bible reads it with his hand grasping his pocket book and his eyes shut. A man that claims to be a Baptist and yet is opposed to missions is a far greater curiosity than Barnum ever found in the jungles of the East. He may be Anti-missionary, but he is most positively not a Baptist, Let us say what we mean and mean what we say.

G. W. HILTON, Chairman.

Call for report on Home Missions. Report received as follows:

### *Report on Home Missions.*

We, your Committee on Home Mission beg leave to report, that our Home board is doing a noble work. The number of missionaries supported by them; the amount of colportage work is immense. The number of Bibles and Testaments sold and given away is wonderful. The amount of money collected and paid out shows a grand work. The number of meeting houses built by them and the number of converts who have been led to Christ by them is encouraging. The demand for more missionaries and the number now ready to enter the work, shows that the spirit of missions is on the increase, for which we should thank God! Now, we should do and give all we can to the Master's cause, and help in every way we can to disseminate the truth and bring lost souls to Christ. What we do for God and lost souls must be done soon,

Now we crave the blessings of God on "our home work" and all the work the Master has assigned us to do. Respectfully submitted.

N. H. ESTES, Chairman.

Call for report on Temperance. Report received as follows:

### *Report on Temperance.*

Dear Brethren: Under and by an appointment of your honorable body, we submit the following: We admit that there is too much drinking in our land, but we spend too much time in telling it instead of providing a remedy. Intemperance does not consist altogether in drinking to an excess; but we will look at it in that light in our report. The use of intoxicating drinks is a dreaded, crying sin in our land today, and calls for the power and influence of God's people against it.

Oh, Brethren, drinking is an enemy to everything that is good and sacred. It not only ruins the churches but it ruins the souls of our children. There are thousands of souls being led to hell every day by the use of intoxicating drinks. Where will we find relief only by total abstinence? And we appeal to you for help. It is our duty to teach by example as well as by word. If every Christian in Alabama would quit at once we would have a remedy that would be felt all over our land, but as long as Christians set the example the world of sinners will follow. The word of God forbids it, and nature does not need it—so in drinking we disobey God and break the law of nature, and come under great condemnation—"No drunkard shall enter the kingdom of God."

We close by making a great appeal to every Christian to stoddin king and we respectfully call your attention to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, whose motto is, "For God, Home and Native Land" Also, we recommend that our ministers and leading brethren study the word of God instead of the law, for their weapon.

W. P. SALTER, Chairman.

Call for report of the Committee on Credentials. Report received as follows:

### *Report on Credentials.*

We, your Committee report the following ordained Ministers belonging to this Association:

Union Grove, No. 1.—W. W. Davis, G. W. Davis, H. L. McCrary.

Corinth—J. C. Cooper, S. C. Cooper.

Mt. Olive—C. A. Taylor,

Oak Grove—J. G. Lovelady,

Liberty Grove—J. K. P. Taylor,

Pleasant Hill—T. S. Kuykendall,

Fairview—D. Carroll,

Macedonia—T. P. Southerland, J. T. Harris,

Bethlehem, No. 1—R. M. Atkins.

Bethel, No. 2.—W. L. Hicks,

Salem.—B. F. Shank.

Bethel, No. 1,—Thomas Burrell,

Nebo.—W. Dailey, W. G. Towers,

Sardis, No. 1—T. M. Martin,

Gum Pond.—A. L. Anderson, Jesse Borden,

New Prospect.—J. W. O'Kelly,

Union Grove, No. 2.—G. W. Gibson.

Respectfully submitted,

Y. M. IYR.

J. P. PUGH, Committee.

Call for the report of the Committee on Aged Ministers. Report received as follows:

### *Report on Aged Ministers.*

We find two aged Ministers, to-wit, R. M. Atkins, and D. Carroll, in this Association, who are without necessary means of support. We recommend that the churches composing this Association pay each of said brethren, \$25.00. we further recommend that the Moderator appoint a committee of five to apportion said amount to each church, proratively according to membership and ability—said amount to be paid as soon as possible.

J. W. BARTON,

J. M. BONDS, Committee.

The Moderator appointed N. H. Estis, J. D. Rutledge, J. W. Barton, B. G. Ray, and J. A. Defore, as a Committee to see after aged Ministers, as recommended by the Committee on Aged Ministers.

Call for the Report of the Committee on Vocal Music. Report received as follows:

### *Report on Vocal Music.*

We, your committee on Vocal Music report, that within the bounds of the Association we find more interest taken than in former years. We recommend and ask the brethren to engage earnestly in this good work, for we believe when engaged in the right spirit that it is a part of the worship of God. Then let us go on singing and praising His holy name.

Yours Respectfully, N. H. ESTES, Chairman.

Call for a report of the Committee on Documents. Report received as follows:

### *Report on Documents*

We find nothing that claims our attention but a query from Blooming Grove Church, asking, "Who is my neighbor?" Humbly submitted.

R. M. ATKINS, Chairman.

Call for the report of the Committee on Finance. Report received as follows:

### *Report on Finance.*

Received from the various churches as,	Minute funds,	\$16.40.
	Associational funds,	4.40.
	Mission funds,	1.50.

Total,	\$ 22.30.
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N. H. ESTIS,  
M. N. McCULLAR,  
J. N. CURTIS. Committee.

A motion made and carried that the Moderator appoint a Committee of three, consisting of D. S. McCullar, G. W. Hilton, and J. D. Rutledge to confer with a similar committee from sister Associations on the advisability of forming a high school at Eldridge, Ala., owned and controlled by the Baptist Denomination.

A resolution offered and carried that each member of the various Churches of this Association be requested to plant and cultivate during the year A. D. 1896, one fourth or one half acre in cotton or corn and that the proceeds of the same be given and donated for Church purposes, and the spread of the Gospel in the Redeemer's cause.

Call for the report of the Committee on Nominations. Report received as follows:

### *Report on Nominations.*

J. C. Cooper, to preach the introductory sermon, T. P. Southerland alternate, at the next Association of this body. Brother W. R. Long, delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention which convenes at Chattanooga Tenn.

Rev G. W. Gibson, was elected a delegate to the State Convention.

### *Report of the First District.*

The next meeting of the 1st District to convene with New Prospect Church, Winston county, Ala., Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in Aug., 1896. T. P. Southerland to preach the introductory sermon, A. L. Anderson, alternate. G. W. Davis to preach at 11 o'clock on Sunday, B. F. Shank, alternate. Questions to be discussed. 1st. What is the sin against the Holy Ghost? Opened by B. F. Shanks. 2nd. Who was Melchisedic? Opened by T. M. Martin. 3rd. What is man's greatest besetting sin? Opened by W. W. Davis.

The next session of the Clear Creek Baptist Association to convene with Sardis church, No 1. Winston county, Ala., on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in October 1896.

T. P. SOUTHERLAND, Moderator.

H. B. SIMMS, Clerk.

## *Report of the Second District.*

The Second District met with Bethlehem Church, No. 1, Friday before the 1st Sabbath in September 1895, and by a resolution agreed to change the time of meeting to Friday before each fifth Sunday during the year.

A. H. LAY, Moderator.

D. S. McCULLAR, Clerk.

The moderator appointed the following brethren as corresponding delegates to sister Association: To North River Association—N. H. Estes, J. D. Rutledge, D. S. McCullars C. Ballinger. Cullman Association—Thomas Burrell, G. W. Gibson, A. H. Lay, J. D. Rutledge, P. D. Gardner. Sulphur Springs Association—H. L. McCrary, Thomas Burrell, Thomas Roberson.

A motion made and carried that the Clerk have as many minutes printed as the minute fund will pay for, and that he have the Associational fund for his services preparing the minutes for the printer, and that the mission fund be sent to foreign fields.

### *Report of the Treasurer.*

Received of the Finance Committee.

Minute funds, for the year 1894,	\$ 15.60.
Associational funds,	4.30.
Mission funds,	7.60.
For Aged Ministers,	1.25.

Total, \$ 28.75.

Paid out for printing minutes, \$ 15.60.

Paid to Clerk, 4.30.

Paid to J.C. Cooper, Trav. Miss, 7.60.

Paid to Aged Ministers, 1.25.

Total paid out, 28.75.

Respectfully submitted. D. S. McCULLAR, Treasurer.

The moderator appointed D. S. McCullar, treasurer, for the next Associational year.

A motion made and carried that Union Grove Church, No 2, be dropped from this Association as a Church.

### *Resolution of Thanks.*

We, the Clear Creek Baptist Association in session Sept., 7th 1895, sincerely tender our heartfelt thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of Blooming Grove Church, for their hospitality and kindness unto us during our stay among them.

J. D. RUTLEDGE, Chairman.

The Association then adjourned to meet with Sardis Church, No 1. on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in October, 1896.

T. M. MARTIN, Moderator.

D. S. McCULLAR, Clerk.



## CONSTITUTION OF THE CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

We, the Baptist Churches of Jesus Christ are desirous of a reciprocal Union. We therefore propose to maintain the order and rules of the Association, according to the following plan:

We believe that the churches of Christ are mutually independent of each other, and that the congregational form of church government should be inviolably preserved, yet being convinced of the utility of friendly intercourse and pious councils on principles of reciprocal advantage and christian love, we hold it to be the duty of Churches to pay respect on these principles to the advice of the Association.

1st. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union; who on producing Letters from their respective Churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats, the letters so produced shall express the condition of their churches; respectfully, viz: The number in fellowship, the number received by baptism, by restoration, dismissed, excommunicated, and dead since the last Association, which letters shall be read and the Delegates names enrolled.

2nd. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known by the name of the Clear Creek Baptist Association.

3rd. The Association thus formed, shall chose by ballot a Moderator and Clerk, who shall serve one year.

4th. This Body shall have no coercive power to lord it over God's heritage, or to infringe on any internal privileges or rights of the Churches in our Union, but shall be considered an advisory council.

5th. The body may appoint Ministers to preach in the destitute bounds of the Association and raise means to pay them by subscription or donation, which amount so subscribed or donated, shall be a voluntary matter. She may appoint a committee on Domestic Missions, whose duty it shall be to employ and see to the payment of the Missionaries.

6th. To give Churches the best advice she can in matters of difficulty, and if the union should be broken between any of the sister Churches, to enquire into the cause of the breach and use her best efforts to remove the difficulty, but if the breach cannot be repaired, to withdraw from any Church or Churches which they may look upon to be unsound in principle or immoral in practice until the same be reclaimed.

7th. To take up no case of any church in the union, without the consent of a majority of the Churches.

8th. Newly constituted or dismissed Churches may be received into our union by their representatives as before stated, and the Moderator shall signify the same by giving the right hand of fellowship.

9th. The Association when convened shall be governed by such rules as she may adopt. She may adjourn from day to day until she shall have finished all the business that may be brought before her.

10th. Every church in this body shall be entitled to three delegates, and no more.

11th. To appoint a Treasurer to receive and disburse the funds of the Association, who shall make annual settlements of the amounts received and expended, the surplus on hand, if any, which report shall be published in the minutes.

12th. To have the minutes read, approved and signed before she rises and order them printed, if she thinks necessary,

13th. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members.

14th. Voting shall be confined exclusively to the body in all acts respecting internal concerns.

15th. To amend the plan or form of government at any time when a majority of the union shall deem necessary.

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## RULES OF DECORUM.

1st. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer:

2nd. But one person shall speak at a time, and he shall arise to his feet and address the Moderator,

3rd. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the question, or uses words of personal reflection.

4th. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except withdrawn by him who made it.

5th. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another is offered.

6th. When any question is taken up by the Association, after allowing time for debate the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays, or otherwise; and the decision thus made shall be announced by the Moderator immediately.

7th. No person shall depart from the Association without leave of the Moderator.

8th. No person shall speak more than twice upon the same subject without leave obtained.

9th. The appellation of brother shall be used in our address one to another.

10th. The Moderator shall be entitled to the privileges as any other member, provided he appoints some other member to fill his seat while he is talking or otherwise, but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

11th. Any member violating the above rules may be reprov'd as the Association thinks proper, only on the day the offense shall have occurred.

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Received of D. S. McCULLAR, Treasurer, \$16.40 for  
printing these minutes. WINSTON HERALD.

## ⌘ BAPTIST DECLARATION OF FAITH. ⌘

1. **ON THE SCRIPTURES**.—We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction: that it had God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter: that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian Union, the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

2. **OF THE TRUE GOD**.—That there is one true and living God, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme ruler of Heaven and earth, inexpressibly glorious in holiness; worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; revealed under the personal and relative distinction of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct, but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

3. **OF THE FALL OF MAN**.—That man was created an intelligent, finite being under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan and of their own sinful passions, and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

4. **OF THE WAY OF SALVATION**.—That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored the law by his personal obedience and made atonement for our sins by his death, being arisen from the dead, He is enthroned in heaven, and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection is in every way qualified to be a suitable, and all sufficient Saviour.

5. **OF JUSTIFICATION**.—That the great Gospel Blessing, which Christ in His fullness bestows on such as believe in Him, is justification; that justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life, on principles of righteousness, that it is not bestowed in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done but solely through its own righteousness, that it brings us into a state of blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

6. **OF GRACE IN REGENERATION**.—That in order to be saved we must be regenerated and born again, that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition; the mind and heart is affected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation, by the power of the Holy Spirit, so as to secure our voluntary obedience found in the holy fruit which we bring forth to the glory of God.

7. **OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE**.—That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the moral agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy and unchangeable, that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of his free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it is ascertained by its effect on all who believe the gospel; it is the foundation of Christian assurance and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

8. **OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS.**—That such only are real believers as endure to the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the Grand Mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

9. **HARMONY OF THE LAW AND GOSPEL.**—That the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government; that it is holy, just and good; and the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen man to fulfil its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law is one great end of the Gospel, and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of his visible Church.

10. **OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.**—That a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of baptised believers associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His word; that its only proper officers are bishops or pastors, and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the epistles to Timothy and Titus.

11. **OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.**—That Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit: to show forth in a solemn beautiful emblem, our faith in a crucified, buried and risen Saviour; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation, and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church, by the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded by solemn self-examination, and that none have the right to administer it, only such as are called, qualified and come under the hands of the Presbytery.

12. **OF CHRISTIAN SABBATH.**—That the first day of the week is the Lord's day, or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and recreation, by devout observance of all the means of grace both private and public, and by preparation for that rest which remaineth for the people of God.

13. **OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.**—That civil government is of divine appointment, for the interest and good of human society: that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed, except in things opposed to the will of the Lord of conscience, and Prince of the kings of earth.

14. **OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND WICKED.**—There is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked: that such as only through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified through the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in His esteem, while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked, and under the curse, and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

15. **OF THE WORLD TO COME.**—That the end of the world is approaching and that at the last day Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from the graves to final retribution: that a separation will then take place; that the righteous will be adjudged to endless joy, and the wicked to endless punishment and that this judgement will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

16. That Saints ought to wash each other's feet.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- I. Introductory sermon.
- II. Intermission.
- III. Call Association to order.
- IV. Call the names of the Churches:
- V. Read letters and enroll delegate's names.
- VI. Election of officers.
- VII. Call for petitionary letters.
- VIII. Call for Correspondence—Inviting visiting brethren,
- IX. Appoint Committee on Devotional Exercise.
- X. Appoint Committees on Finance and Nominations.
- XI. Read report of Committee on Devotional Exercise.
- XII. Appoint the following committees: 1st, On Credentials—2nd, Aged Ministers—3rd, Home Missions,—4th, State Missions;—5th, Foreign Missions,—6th, Temperance.—7th, Sabbath Schools.—8th, Vocal Music,—9th, Education,—10, Documents
- XIII. Miscellaneous business and Missionary report.
- XIV. Read Treasurer's report and appoint Treasurer.
- XV. Call for reports of Committees in the order appointed.
- XVI. Appoint correspondence.
- XVII. Read minutes—Call roll—Adjourn.



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Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Post offices.	Baptised,	Rec. by L	Dis. by L	Restored	Exclud'd	Dead . . .	Sun meet	Membrs	Minute fund	A. fund.	Missions
Union Grove, . . . . .	C. C. Collins, . . . . .	B. Weaver,	Biler.	2	1	1			1	59	1.20	1.20	60	
Sardis, No. 1, . . . . .	T. M. Martin, . . . . .	C. A. League,	Lynn,	13	4	2	2		1	46	1.10	1.10	15	50
FRock Creek, . . . . .	T. P. Southerland,	H. S. Curtis,	Double Springs,		2	7		1	4	52	75	25		
Macedonia . . . . .	T. P. Southerland,	J. T. Hackett,	Biler,	2	8	10			3	66	1.50	25		
Liberty Grove. . . . .	Not represented													
Shilo . . . . .	Not represented													
New Prospect. . . . .	C. C. Collins, . . . . .	G. D. Wilson,	Haleysville,	8	3	4	2	1	1	2	92	1.50	20	
Gum Pond . . . . .	Not represented,													
Concord, . . . . .	B. F. Shank,	W. C. West,	Lynn,	24	12	4	1	1	1	53	1.00	35		
Bethlehem, No. 2, . . . . .	J. K. P. Taylor, . . . . .	S. Posey.	Igoburg,	9	4	11			4	66	1.15	20		
Mountain Springs, . . . . .	Not represented													
Low Gap . . . . .	Not represented													
Bethel No. 2. . . . .	Not represented,													
Bethsadia. . . . .	Not represented,													
*Salem. . . . .	B. F. Shank, . . . . .			12	8		2	1	4	51	1.00	25		
Pleasant Hill . . . . .	T. S. Kuykendall . . . . .	W. R. Long,	Lynn,	1	1	2			1	20	55			
Houston. . . . .	W. Daily . . . . .	F. M. Martin,	Brown's Creek,	6	2	4		4	4	40	10			
Double Springs, . . . . .	Not represented	D. R. Smith,	Houston,											
Nebo . . . . .	S. C. Cooper, . . . . .	G. B. Lester,	Addison,		3	6			4	84	1.10	15		
Fairview, . . . . .	Not represented,													
*Union Hill . . . . .	S. C. Cooper, . . . . .	D. S. McCullar,	Motes,	1	1	1			2	14	50	25		
*Corinth. . . . .	J. C. Cooper, . . . . .	G. W. Hilton,	Motes,	6	1				3	29	50			
*Blossoming Grove . . . . .	G. W. Gibson. . . . .	N. H. Estis,	Mary Lee,	1	1	1		3	3	70	1.00	65		
Bethel, No. 1 . . . . .	H. Harbinger . . . . .	J. D. Rutledge,	Mcville,		4	6			12	81	85	40		
Oak Grove, . . . . .		A. I. McCullar,	Motes,		4	35			4	35				
Mt. Zion, . . . . .	J. G. Lovelady. . . . .	J. H. Ivey,	South Lowell,	5	1	1	1		2	21	30	20		
*Friendship, . . . . .	G. W. Gibson, . . . . .	W. H. Petty,	Upshaw,			5		1	1	20	50	25	40	
Sardis, No. 2 . . . . .	W. Daily, . . . . .	W. G. Fortenbury,	Addison,	2	9	3	5		1	19	40			
Union, . . . . .	S. C. Cooper . . . . .	Thos Watts,	Houston,	1	1	1		4		20	40	15		
Eannon Field. . . . .	I. W. Hood, . . . . .	J. T. Hackabe	Tavern,						1	30	1.00	30		
Mt. Olive . . . . .	Not represented,													
Bethlehem, No. 1, . . . . .	James Hilton, . . . . .	W. P. Salter,	Elk,	5					13	28				

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